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1. DIPLOMATIC NOTE CITED IN REFTEL IS NO. 121 AND WAS DELIVERED TO MEA ON FEBRUARY 28. THE ENTIRE TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT AS AN ATTACHMENT A PAPER DESCRIBING A PROPOSED NIGERIAN-UNITED STATES CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THIS CONFERENCE BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1978. IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LAGOS AND BRING TOGETHER GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES. FIRST SUGGESTED AT THE TALKS HELD BETWEEN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO AND PRESIDENT CARTER IN OCTOBER 1977, THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE AND EXPAND TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE ATTACHED PAPER PROVIDES DETAILS ON THE STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO SUPPLEMENT THE BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION MEETING WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN LAGOS IN MAY 1978. COMING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE BUSINESS
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INTERNATIONAL MEETING, THE CONFERENCE SHOULD HELP MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS. THE EMBASSY MUCH APPRECIATES THE MINISTRY'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE MINISTRY'S VIEWS. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

UNQUOTE.

2. AS KNOWN TO HOLLIS AND AS REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF CAHILL'S LETTER TO HOLLIS OF FEBRUARY 27, PRIOR TO THE NUSTED PROPOSAL MEA HAD ALREADY HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL PROPOSAL FOR A ROUNDTABLE IN MAY. THE MENTION OF THE BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE IN THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE WAS NECESSARY TO ANSWER MEA'S DEMAND TO KNOW WHY A SECOND CONFERENCE WAS REQUIRED.

3. THE 'ATTACHED PAPER' CITED IN THE NOTE WAS A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED BY HOLLIS GIVING FULL DATA ON NUSTED.
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